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BREAKING NEWS

Robins takes Shingo Gold

From Staff Reports

The Warner Robins Air Logistics Center has brought home the gold, so to speak, as one of the first ever public industries to receive the prestigious Shingo Prize for Excellence in Manufacturing.

The C-5 Programmed Depot Maintenance program, which underwent an intensive evaluation process last month, was recently announced as a Gold medal winner in the competition for what has been called the Nobel Prize for manufacturing.

The Center's submission for the prize focused on the Lean process of the C-5 aircraft which undergoes programmed depot maintenance here and a 100-page achievement report was submitted earlier this year.

The Shingo Prize, which recognizes and promotes an awareness of Lean manufacturing concepts and recognizes companies that achieve world-class manufacturing status was established in 1988 and was opened to the public sector for the first time this year.

The public sector category is for manufacturing, industrial or maintenance, repair and overhaul type activities of the public sector. The Public Sector award categories included Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze.

The Shingo Prize is named in honor of the late Dr. Shigeo Shingo who helped create, train and write about many aspects of the renowned Toyota Production System and related production systems.

According to the Shingo Prize Web site, the "philosophy of the prize is that world class status be achieved through focused improvements in core manufacturing processes, implementing Lean, just-in-time philosophies and systems, eliminating waste and achieving zero defects, while continuously improving products and costs."

The award, which is administered from the Utah State University College of Business, will be presented at the Public Sector Banquet and Awards Ceremony Oct. 5 at the Renaissance Portsmouth Hotel, Portsmouth, Va.

Editor's note: See next week's Rev-Up for full coverage of the Center's Shingo Prize win.

Moving out



5th CCG gives Gulf Coast communication capabilities in Katrina's aftermath

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Airmen from the 5th Combat Communications Group left their families behind Sept. 1 to provide communications capabilities for military members and medical technicians in the devastated Gulf Coast region.

Airmen from all four squadrons of the 5th CCG loaded about 25 pallets of communications equipment and headed to Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., and to an on-site medical unit at the Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport, to provide telephone and Internet commu-

nications in the areas heavily damaged by Hurricane Katrina.

The squadrons are accustomed to setting up communication capabilities in remote locations, but when Air Combat Command headquarters called the unit to provide those capabilities stateside, Maj. Corey Ramsby, 54th Combat Communications Squadron commander, said the group's troops were ready and willing to help.

"There are a lot of units in the Air Force that are going down to provide this relief, because this is what we train to do," he said. "Going into a BEAR (Basic Expeditionary



U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP

Top: Members of the 51st CBCS cover a pallet with plastic. Above: Members of the 5th CCG worked around the clock to pack supplies and equipment.

Airfield Resource) base environment and providing this capability while bad guys shoot at us is one thing. But going into an Air Force base to provide these capabilities to our

own folks is a great opportunity."

A team of 16 Airmen went ahead of the group with telephone and Internet equipment

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Family Support Center lends helping hand to evacuees

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While hundreds of Robins Airmen headed into the Gulf Coast region devastated by Hurricane Katrina, some of the personnel left behind were reaching out to those who were seeking a place of refuge in Middle Georgia.

Christine Parker, Robins Family Support Center director, said they are working to help Air Force Personnel Center, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, account for displaced military members.

"The biggest role the base is playing is taking care of evacuees who are coming into the Middle Georgia area," she said. "We're trying to focus our efforts on military families or Department of Defense civilian families who are coming here looking for a safe haven from the storms that hit the Gulf area."

Mrs. Parker said the FSC's

WHAT TO KNOW

All military, Department of Defense civilian, retirees and their family members who have evacuated to this area because of Hurricane Katrina are invited to attend a meeting at the Robins Enlisted Club, Sept. 14 at 1 p.m. in the club's East Wing.

The purpose of the meeting is to help evacuees handle trauma, to find out who has evacuated here, and to assess needs. Children are welcome at the meeting, and will participate in craft time in a separate part of the club. Staff from the Family Support Center, Medical Group, and Services Division will be with the children.

For more information, call the Family Support Center at 926-1257 or e-mail family@robins.af.mil.

outstretched hands are for any servicemember who is in need and they are aiding them in every way they can including helping to get needed prescriptions filled and looking into possible schooling for students who may be displaced for long periods.

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Voice Protection System nears implementation

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As malicious attackers get more savvy in their attempts to breach communications networks, the 78th Communications Squadron is gearing up to do their part in providing a line of defense for Robins.

Partnering with Air Force Materiel Command, the squadron is preparing for the installation of a new system which will not only ensure the voice or telephone network here is as secure as the computer network, but also effectively guard the "backdoor" to the Data Network from unauthorized access.

The new system, known as the voice protection system or VPS, is downward directed from the Department of Defense and is basically a voice firewall designed to protect the telephone system from malicious intent. The AF-wide fielded system was installed here in 2003 but certain infrastructure upgrades needed to be accomplished before it could be fully activated.

WHAT TO KNOW

For more information on VPS, contact Ariel Gonzalez at 222-0055 or ariel.gonzalez@robins.af.mil. If anyone experiences problems after equipment installations call the AVAYA help desk at 926-1119.

To see a weekly update of TCOs reported equipment registration visit www.robins.af.mil/irmt.

"We now have the equipment that AFMC personnel will actually come down and install for us," said Capt. Michael Newsom, 78th CS Mission Systems Flight commander. "From that point we will still await confirmation of the actual date of implementation."

The date for installation is scheduled for next week.

The commander said they're leaning forward to ensure all pertinent information is identified or collected for a smooth transition - something that depends wholly on the diligent, active involvement of the Telephone Control Officers or TCOs.

"We're working with AFMC, the implementer of this program, to ensure we have everything in line so when this conversion takes place we've already done our part in terms of identifying the equipment," said Captain Newsom. "The TCOs are the key here. They have to be actively involved in ensuring that all pieces of equipment that require registration are registered."

There are about 200 TCOs on Robins, and their mission is to review and validate all phone numbers currently being used.

How it works

Although VPS uses split second technology, the premise is simple.

"VPS works similar to a data firewall in that you get to block certain things," said Ariel Gonzalez, 78th CS VPS point of contact. "In the data world you block certain Internet providers or ports, but in the voice world it's not that complicated. You're actually blocking phone numbers."

Mr. Gonzalez said the main

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THINK SAFETY

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SLOW DOWN ► 586 speeding tickets have been issued to date. Accumulating 12 traffic violation points within a year may cause drivers to lose base driving privileges for up to 6 months. Speeding violation points are based on the number of miles over the posted speed limit.

WEATHER FORECAST

Courtesy of 78th OSS/OSW

TODAY
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SAATURDAY
90/66



SUNDAY
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to start initial work in areas largely affected by Hurricane Katrina.

About 28 Airmen later joined the group, carrying more than 200,000 pounds of communications equipment for the mission.

Airmen began working around the clock mid-week, as droves of troops loaded the equipment to leave from Robins Sept. 3.

Senior Airman Michael Martin, a 54th CBCS power production journeyman, said while he is unsure of the length of his stay in the ravaged area, he wants to help all he can.

“I volunteered for this,” he said. “We’re always on stand-by and always ready to go.”

Senior Airman Kelly Spalding, a computer communications network systems administrator with the 51st CBCS, loaded pallets for the trip and said although she isn’t going to the area, she is glad to do her part at home.

“I’m happy to support this mission,” she said. “I can’t imagine what those people are going through. It helps me to know that I’m doing something to help them.”

Maj. Darryl Neal, 51st CBCS commander, said the mission is



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

A pallet is weighed before being taken to Keesler Air Force Base.

hitting close to home.

“This obviously has a lot more sentimental value, because there are a lot of family and friends in that area,” he said. “So, we’re taking care of our own.”

Airman 1st Class Reuben Bishop and two other members of the 53rd CBCS drove hundreds of miles to check on family members in hurricane-stricken Mississippi.

Others involved in putting aid efforts together, like Maj. Rich Janoso, commander of the 52nd CBCS, said this was a chance to

reach out to others in the Air Force family.

“We’re giving people the capability to make calls back home to relatives and that’s a great thing,” he said. “This is what we train for and to be able to employ it in a humanitarian sense in our own backyard – you can’t get any better than that.”

According to 5th CCG officials, troops will be providing support to the Gulf Coast area for an indefinite amount of time, with more Airmen heading out from the Robins’ unit on an as-needed basis.

EVACUEES

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“We’re helping them take care of financial needs; we’re helping them with emotional needs if they have them, but for the most part though people are just looking for lodging and a safe place to stay.”

Mrs. Parker said many people are finding that it could be weeks or even months before they are allowed to return to their homes.

“We’ve made contact with 30 families, about half of whom are being lodged on base,” she said. “Those are simply the people who have checked in with us and need- ed either information or support of

WHO TO CONTACT:

Evacuees are asked to contact the Robins Family Support Center at 926-1257 or e-mail family@robins.af.mil. The Family Support Center is responsible for reporting all evacuees to Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command.

some kind. We suspect that there are another 50-to-100 people in our Middle Georgia community.”

The FSC director said the center is requesting that everyone who is here who is a part of a military community to either call the FSC or stop by.

“This is just to let us know who they are, where they came from and where they are staying locally,” she said. “That way I can let Air Force Personnel Center know who we have here for some accountability because we’re trying to ensure that everyone is accounted for.”

More than a dozen people are currently lodged in base billeting at the Pine Oaks Lodge.



Christine Parker, Robins Family Support Center director

VPS

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concern is obviously from a hacker perspective.

“Modems or anything that can draw a modem type tone can be connected to a data network device and be used in attempts to compromise the network,” he said. “From an information assurance perspective, it’s very important that we capture those numbers.”

He explained that during times of higher levels of information conditions the number of lines that can call or be called at the base should be limited for command and control purposes.

“Limiting the amount of equipment that can be called out of or in to is what the VPS is for,” he said.

Anyone who has a fax machine, modem or secure telephone device such as secure telephone equipment or a secure telephone unit shares a common tonal quality when they’re making a connection. VPS detects that tone and asks ‘should I have this tone at this number.’ If that phone is regis-

tered in the database, the VPS will let the call pass. If the number is not registered, it will kill the connection and no kind of hacker can get in.

According to Mr. Gonzalez, the system also obstructs the capability of any rogue modems or faxes.

The effect on Robins

Robins’ users with faxes, modems and secure equipment devices with a legitimate purpose and mission must be properly registered in the system.

Proper registration will prevent mission interruption, frustration and unneeded worry that someone may be trying to hack into the system.

“It’s in everyone’s best interest to work closely with the telephone control officers at all levels to make sure everything is properly registered,” said Mr. Gonzalez. “The outcome of not registering their systems will be a denial of service as the system will consider an unregistered number to be an intrusion attempt.

The system will affect everyone who has phone service from the 78th CS, which includes all associate units and

wings. It won’t affect base housing residents, who receive service from outside providers, or other places on base, which draw their service from commercial providers, unless the commercial phone line is government provided.

Eventually all DoD military installations will be required to run and configure this system because they all have vulnerable voice systems.

Currently, about 10,000 numbers haven’t been accounted for in the yearly inventory. Some of which may support devices that require registration in VPS.

“This gives us a chance to recapture some of those numbers not being used and reutilize them for new projects,” said Captain Newsom. “We still pay for the numbers not in usage so it would be a cost savings to Robins. We’ve been adding phone numbers as we get new personnel to Robins and at the same time we need to do a check and balance to make sure we’re balancing the books by recapturing unused phone numbers so that we can recoup some type of monetary value from this endeavor.”

THE DELICIOUS DISH

Calling all gourmets, the Rev-Up wants your recipes

Have you ever looked in your refrigerator or cabinets and wondered what in the world you’re going to eat?

In an effort to help families who are wrestling with the question, “what’s for dinner tonight?” or anyone who wants to add a little variety at the dinner table, the Robins Rev-Up will periodically share recipes submitted by its readers.

All recipes must include the recipe’s name, ingredients, cooking directions, servings per recipe, submitter’s name, title and contact information.

E-mail recipes to holly.birchfield@robins.af.mil.

Publication of submitted recipes is at the discretion of the Robins Rev-Up. For more information, contact us at 926-2137.

– From staff reports

Suspiros

Ingredients

- 1 pound cornstarch
- 3 eggs
- 1/4 cup margarine or butter
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon

Directions

Sift cornstarch into a casserole dish and add the rest of the ingredients. Knead in the palm of the hand until mixture becomes a paste. Shape a small amount of dough into a 3-inch narrow rope-like shape. Mold the rope into a spiral form and place on a greased and floured cookie sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 15 to 20 minutes.

Submitted by Gopi Weldon, 542nd Electronics Sustainment Group/GBEPI

Center has zero tolerance policy for all types of harassment

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According to Equal Employment Opportunity Office officials here, harassment can take many forms—none of which will be tolerated at Robins.

While sexual harassment grabs the headlines, other types of offensive or degrading behavior exists causing just as much turmoil in the workplace.

Known in the EEO arena as non-sexual harassment, this behavior includes any type of repeated abusive or demeaning conduct based on a person’s race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, or disability.

“The message we want to send to people here is that there will be zero tolerance for any form of discrimination including non-sexual harassment,” said Marilyn Gantt, EE manager. “Managers and supervisors must encourage a work environment that works for everyone.”

To ensure this message is heard loud and clear, the EEO Complaints Activity Office, located in Building 936, provides an

WHAT TO KNOW

According to EEO office officials, harassment can take any of the following forms: verbal comments, physical contact, hate mail, phone calls or graffiti.

To file a complaint, visit the Complaints Activity Office located in Building 936.

Individuals who are being harassed should take the following steps:

►Tell the harasser to cease and desist

►If it continues, notify the chain of command

►If harassment persists, contact the EEO office

►Document the harassment and action(s) taken

avenue for employees who feel they have been discriminated against.

Ghika Levy, Equal Employment specialist, said if an individual wants to file a complaint he or she must make contact with the EEO office within 45 days of the date they were harassed or, within 45 days that he or she becomes aware of the harassment.

Once the complaint is filed, the EEO office has 30 days to conduct an informal inquiry.

“The complainant may grant an additional 60-day extension,” said Ms. Levy. “If the complainant chooses the mediation process, the counseling period is automatically

extended to 90 days. If resolved in mediation, the complaint ends.”

If this process doesn’t end in resolution, the complainant receives a notice of final interview giving them the right to file a formal complaint.

“If the individual decides to file a formal complaint, he or she must do so in writing and within 15 calendar days from the date of receipt of the notice of final interview,” the EE Specialist said. “At that time, the complainant must also choose between the traditional or Compressed, Orderly, Rapid, Equitable (CORE) process as a means of having their formal complaint processed.”

The traditional process requires

the agency to issue a final decision within 180 days from the date the formal complaint was filed, while the CORE process requires a final decision within 127 days from the date the formal was filed.

Ms. Gantt said this process is important because it affects productivity.

“It’s important to have a process like this in place because every human relations incident - be it racial, religious, or gender related detracts from our people’s ability to do their jobs to the best of their ability,” said Ms. Gantt. “When you are confronted with such a situation, whether you’re the victim, the offender, supervisor, co-worker or commander, you have a role.”

According to Ms. Gantt the EEO office assists approximately 250-to-300 employees per year.

“The message to those who may be involved in harassing someone is to cease and desist,” said Ms. Gantt. “Employees are encouraged to participate in and benefit from programs and activities at Robins to enhance a work place free of any form of discrimination.”

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implementing a lot of process improvement initiatives to meet our customers’ needs.”

The Center is pushing the line on meeting its goal of a 50 percent reduction of DUIs as compared to Fiscal 2004’s DUI count of 32, according to Michael Harnage, 78th Security Force Squadron’s Administration and Reports Flight chief.

“So far, in the second Goal Day period, we’ve had six DUIs,” he said. “One DUI is too many. However, when you look at the numbers compared to last fiscal year, it’s a great accomplishment by the units.”

Mr. Harnage said while everyone is doing a good job lowering DUIs, both on and off base, they should continue to drive down the

THE GOALS AND HOW THEY MEASURE UP

The Warner Robins Air Logistics Center initiative for goal days went into effect Jan. 4. The four goals include:

► 85 percent attendance in planned/programmed training.

► 95 percent aircraft due date performance goal, measuring actual delivery date against scheduled delivery date, using month-to-date and year-to-date performance measurements.

► A 50 percent reduction in DUIs. A total of 32 on-base and off-base DUIs occurred in 2004, which means no more than 16 DUIs for 2005, and no more than eight per goal day measurement period.

► 50 percent reduction in safety-related/loss of work injuries with zero fatalities and zero crippling injuries. There were 883 safety-related injuries reported in fiscal 2004, which means no more than 442 safety-related injuries may occur in Fiscal 2005. Fiscal 2005 injuries are divided between the two measurement periods.

numbers.

“People need to have a plan,” he said. “If you’re going to go out and drink, you need to have someone to take you there and someone to bring you home.”

The Center is drawing close to its goal of a 50 percent reduction in lost workday injuries with zero fatalities, according to Lt. Col.

Dan Mokris, ALC Safety director.

“In the first five months, we’ve had 12 lost workday injuries,” he said. “Since our goal is 14 for this measurement period, we can have no more than two in the time remaining.”

Colonel Mokris said people should evaluate their work habits against operational risk manage-

ment standards and make adjustments accordingly.

Maj Gen. Mike Collings, Center commander, said he is happy with the results so far.

“I’m extremely proud of the progress we’ve made, especially in aircraft production and training,” he said. “However, there’s still work to be done – in the areas of decreasing DUIs and lost work days. It’s not just about meeting goals; it’s about looking out for each other and putting people first and being good wingman.

““People First ... Mission Always’ works,” he added. “You don’t have to sacrifice safety to get the job done. So my challenge to you is to keep up the good work but be vigilant and keep safety first. You do make a difference; we can make it happen.”

Editor’s note: Lanorris Askew, contributed to this article.

Working it out

IG encourages Robins’ employees to use chain of command for dispute resolution

By HOLLY L. BIRCHFIELD
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While some may think it’s necessary to take their concerns to the top, Col. Ken Sharpless said it’s best to first give immediate supervisors a chance to resolve problems.

From concerns about performance evaluations to claims of unfair letters of reprimand, the Inspector General’s office reported more than 100 complaints from military and Defense Department civilians here during fiscal 2004.

Colonel Sharpless, Center inspector general, said while people are welcome to bring concerns to his office, he believes taking matters through the proper chain of command is the best route.

“Everyone has the right to come to the IG or even above us at the congressional level

WHAT TO KNOW

People making complaints through the IG Office must complete AF Form 102. Forms may be dropped off or mailed to the IG Office at:

Attention: Warner Robins Air Logistics Center Inspector General,
215 Page Road, Suite 108,
Robins Air Force Base, Ga. 31098-1662.

when they can’t get their issues resolved,” he said. “But we want to make sure people in the chain of command have the opportunity to work their people’s issues. When those issues can’t be resolved to the satisfaction of the individual, we’re available.”

Colonel Sharpless said people should feel free to express their concerns.

“When issues of reprisal come up, we’re obligated to investigate those allegations,” he said. “If someone sees there is something wrong, a violation of a regulation, you have the obligation to report that to the appropriate authorities, without reprisal action taken against you.”

Tony Congi, IG Office inquiries and complaints specialist, said getting the facts about the situation can save a lot of time and frustration in the process.

“One of the most common

mistakes people make is that they don’t research the problem,” he said. “If they would go into the regulations and look at it closely, they might find that guidelines aren’t actually being violated and there’s little the IG can do (based upon) someone being upset or they misread a regulation.”

Once complaints have been received by the IG Office, Mr. Congi said complaints, documented on AF Form 102, are evaluated in more detail before further processing occurs.

“We do a complaint analysis, which takes about five days,” he said. “During that time, we look at it and bounce it off the regulations. We have to make sure regulations are current because some people have outdated regulations, and they don’t know that changes have been made.”

Mr. Congi said after the analysis, complaints may be investigated. Complainants’ issues, such as financial or medically-related matters, may be referred to other sources for resolve, or reported complaints may be dismissed.

Colonel Sharpless, who has recently visited areas like Robins’ First Term Airman Center to educate troops on his

role at the Center, said it’s important that people know what to do when their voices need to be heard.

“As the IG, I coordinate and talk to not only commanders, supervisors, and first sergeants, but I get to know the troops and civilians to let them know that going to the IG is a process that is afforded to them should they need it.”

TO FILE A REPORT

For anonymous reports of fraud, waste and abuse information, call 926-2393. For more information, contact Col. Ken Sharpless, Center IG, at 926-5111 or Tony Congi, inquiries and complaints specialist in the IG Office, at 222-0818 or visit www.robins.af.mil.



Col. Ken Sharpless, is WR-ALC inspector general



Tony Congi, is an IG Office inquiries and complaints specialist.

"It is perhaps our Nation's greatest strength that, since its founding, we can stand shoulder to shoulder with people of different origins and beliefs for a single purpose -- to serve."

Former Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper, retired last week

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Hurricane relief

LOUIS ARMSTRONG NEW ORLEANS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, La. -- Master Sgt. Rod Harris secures a pin in an Alaskan shelter here Sept. 5. More than 30 shelters have been built up to support additional Airmen coming here to help support the Hurricane Katrina relief and rebuilding efforts in New Orleans. Sergeant Harris is the loading superintendent of the 55th Services Squadron from Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.

Relief efforts: What can we do?

EDITORIAL

By MICHAEL R. SHUTTER
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With the damage and suffering caused by Hurricane Katrina, many base personnel have felt the need to “do something”.

Too often that “something” has been the immediate and uncontrollable need or desire to fund raise within their unit for cash or in-kind relief items.

Before anyone starts soliciting on any Air Force Base, permission must be received from the Approval Authority. On Robins, that is either the 78th Mission Support Group commander or the 78th Services chief (if your organization is

already an approved Private Organization under the Services program). Fund raising is not normally thought of as being in our position descriptions. Similarly, our Air Force mission doesn’t normally include humanitarian relief efforts. It can include such relief efforts, but a commander has to OK such use of Federal property and personnel.

For instance, in last week’s paper we learned that the Tanker Airlift Control Center at Scott Air Force Base, Ga., has been generating Katrina relief missions, flying everything from inflatable boats to urban search and rescue team members and their equipment.

Suggested as the best way to provide assistance to those affected by Hurricane Katrina is

cash contributions directly to relief organizations which are working in the affected areas. President Bush identified two national organizations, the American Red Cross and the Salvation Army. Both the Office of Personnel Management and Defense Department put out similar guidance, and our Air Force leadership added that the Air Force Aid Society had established a nationwide relief fund to help those Air Force families affected by the hurricane.

All of these organizations participate in the Combined Federal Campaign fund raiser which officially started for OPM Sept. 1. Payroll deductions to CFC, while not immediate, are an important means of providing long term assistance.

All of these worthy organizations have web sites which discuss Katrina relief efforts.

With the start of CFC, individual fund raising requests by employees and organizations on base are less likely to be approved by the Approval Authority since Air Force Instruction 36-3101 requires that the installation commander ensure that separate fund raising activities do not detract from the CFC campaign if in progress.

If base individuals or organizations wish to conduct their own fundraisers for Katrina Relief, such requests for approval need to be sent through the 78th Judge Advocate’s office to the Approval Authority, 78th MSG Commander, Col. Allen Benefield.

‘Dear Roz’

Q: I have been reading about the new NSPS and see there are many changes to the current civilian personnel system-will there be training for employees at Robins AFB on how to deal with change and also understand the various changes in our current personnel system?

A: Yes, currently there is a Training Working Group that meets weekly to plan and develop a training schedule for all employees at Robins. First, there will be training on Change Management and Interaction Skills (Communication) which will begin in the near future. This training will be followed by more specific training on the various changes contained in the new NSPS include:

- Labor Relations
 - Performance Management
 - Human Resource Elements
- The NSPS specific training will begin in late fiscal 2005 through early fiscal

2006. This subject matter training will be delivered in a timeframe that will ensure the knowledge gained from the training will be retained by the employees upon implementation of NSPS.

Implementation of NSPS will be a new beginning for Department of Defense employees. The transition will require all employees to become actively involved in learning about the new system and how we can best fit-in and make it work for us. This change also involves a time of uncertainty, anxiety, making mistakes and learning from them. Successfully letting go of the past "this is not the way we used to do it," educating ourselves about the new personnel system and adapting to the changes associated with NSPS will instill a new sense of purpose and identity for all.

All of us manage change differently. If we are optimists, we get excited about the future and what it may have in store for us. If we are pessimists,

we adopt a "wait and see attitude." Hopefully, we at Robins will look at this change as optimists. As we move toward the implementation of the DoD NSPS, we should all take advantage of every educational opportunity offered and check the Robins NSPS Community of Practice (CoP) frequently. The NSPS CoP can be reached by clicking on the NSPS Logo on the Robins Home Page.

If your organization has not been scheduled to receive the NSPS Overview, please contact Ms. Roz Overton, WRALC/CCN, via telephone at 926-4023, to set up a date and time.

Rosalind ‘Roz’ Overton, NSPS transition assistant, will address employees’ NSPS concerns in the Robins Rev-Up each week. For more information, call Ms. Overton at 926-4023 or visit the NSPS link at www.robins.af.mil.



Rosalind ‘Roz’ Overton is a National Security Personnel System transition assistant.



Col. Greg Patterson
78th Air Base Wing commander

Commander’s
Action Line

Action Line is an open door program for Robins Air Force Base personnel to ask questions, make suggestions or give kudos to make Robins a better place to work and live.

Remember that the most efficient and effective way to resolve a problem or complaint is to directly contact the organization responsible: Security Forces 327-3445; Services Division 926-5491; EEO Office 926-2131; MEO 926-6608; Employee Relations 926-5802; Military Pay 926-3777; IDEA 926-2536; Base hospital 327-7850; Civil engineering 926-5657; Public Affairs 926-2137; Safety Office 926-6271; Fraud, Waste and Abuse hotline 926-2393; Housing Office 926-3776. This gives the organization a chance to help you, as well as a chance to improve their processes.

To contact the Action Line, call 926-2886 or for the quickest response, e-mail one of the following addresses: If sending from a military e-mail system select, Robins Commanders Action Line from the Global Address List. If sending from a commercial e-mail account, use action.line@robins.af.mil. Readers can also visit <https://www.mil.robins.af.mil/actionline.htm>. Please include your name and a way of reaching you so we can provide a direct response.

Action Line items of general interest to the Robins community will be printed in the Robins Rev-Up. Anonymous action lines will not be processed.

Four-day work week

I would like to make a suggestion, that Avionics go on a four-day, 10-hour shift workweek to help with the ongoing rise in gas prices.

Colonel Patterson's Reply

I certainly understand your concern with rising gas prices and thank you for your suggestion to help ease them by suggesting a 10-hour, four-day workweek. I recognize some of our work force would welcome this option.

Over the years, we experimented and tested the 4/10 workweek and found it did not enhance our ability to meet mission requirements. My main concern is during this Global War on Terrorism, it's very important to retain our ability to respond to our customers on their schedule as opposed to our own. By doing so we are better able to fulfill our mission requirements which ultimately provide for a more secure future for Robins Air Force Base and our great country.

Driving without lights

I am writing to see if it would be possible to put signs up at the gates, especially the Russell Parkway and Green Street gates, to remind motorists to turn their lights back on after coming through the gates. There's not a day that goes by when I haven't passed many cars that have come through the gates and continue on without headlights. This is very dangerous, especially when it is still dark and/or raining. I'm sure most people just forget that they've turned their lights off so maybe having a sign up would be a helpful reminder. This could be a very big safety issue.

Colonel Patterson's Reply

Thanks for your interest in the safety of all personnel who drive their automobiles on Robins Air Force Base. The fact that many cars have daytime running lights seems to help reduce the possibility of a safety issue with our population of drivers. A reminder would hopefully have a positive affect on those who sometimes forget to turn their lights back on after entering the gates.

An additional sign at each base entrance reminding motorists to turn on their headlights would promote additional safety throughout Robins. CE is working to create the signs and they should be in place within the next two weeks. Thanks again for your interest in safety.

Military justice

During the period of Aug. 30 through Sept. 8, no members of Robins Air Force Base received non-judicial pun-

ishment under Article 15 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

There were no administrative dis-

charges under the rapid airman discharge program for this time period.

– 78th Air Base Wing Legal Office



U.S. Air Force photos by STAFF SGT. BRIAN BAHRET
More than 70 vehicles and 500 people from the Georgia Air National Guard deployed to Mississippi Saturday in response to the call for aid for Hurricane Katrina victims. The 116th Air Control Wing sent 46 vehicles and more than 130 people. Above: The convoy passes Lane Packing Company on Highway 96 near Fort Valley. Below left: Lt. Col. Alan Peaslee, 116th Medical Group commander, begins his role as convoy commander by briefing all 116th ACW members on their responsibilities within the convoy. The convoy left from Bonaire Middle School.



EAGER TO AID

116th ACW mobilizes to assist in security

By LANORRIS ASKEW
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Tech Sgt. Deborah Bishop plays many roles in her daily life. She's a wife, a mother, a grandmother and a hospital employee. But, she has put all of those roles on hold to help with a tragedy millions are continuing to watch unfold on their television screens.

As a member of the 116th Air Control Wing, the civil engineer group member was one of 120 Airmen to deploy to Camp Shelby, Miss., in support of a Georgia Air National Guard mobilization to areas stricken by Hurricane Katrina Sept. 3.

While most of the troops who gathered in the pre-dawn hours to pack and prepare for the deployment were thinking of the families they were leaving behind, Sergeant Bishop's thoughts were elsewhere.

"I have a son in Baton Rouge, and I haven't been able to contact him and I'm just hoping that he and his family are OK," she said.

Her 30-year-old son, a husband and father of three with one on the way, still hadn't been accounted for at the time of her deployment.

Even so, she said she knows the unit's deployment is critical, and she must be able to concentrate on the mission at hand.

"I'll let my husband do all of the worrying for me," she said. "We will be out doing what we're supposed to do where the need is."

Tech. Sgt. John Oliver, a 116th ACW fuels technician agreed.

"I think it's tragic that this disaster happened, but it's a good thing that we're going down to help these people out," he said. "It's what we signed up to do."

Col. Lois Stark, 116th Air Control Wing chief of staff said the governor of Georgia signed an executive order last week calling the 116th ACW to state active duty to support the governors of Louisiana and Mississippi.

"What we're going to do in the Air Guard, because we have a lot of support functions in this wing such as civil engineering, services and medical, is help support those Army Guard soldiers as they go into a law enforcement mission in Mississippi," she said. "We also have a security forces squadron, and 45 of them deployed Sept. 2 to New Orleans."

Colonel Stark said the initial response is slated for two weeks, but that is simply to get into the sustainment mode, and the deployment could last months.

Before leaving, the troops received a concept briefing telling them what to expect once they arrived in Mississippi. They also received personal supplies and needed immunizations like Hepatitis B and Tetanus.

Lt. Col. Alan Peaslee, 116th Medical Group commander and troop commander for this deployment, said those vaccinations are critical.

"More people die from Hepatitis B in this country than HIV," he said. "When you have a situation with contaminated ground and drinking water, the risk of exposure to Hepatitis B is significant. Because we're placing them in an environment where we know the threat is real, we're ensuring they're vaccinated before they go. We're also making sure they're able to receive follow-up vaccinations if they will be gone more than 30 days."

Colonel Peaslee said his role on this deployment is to ensure that all of the Airmen arrive safely at Camp Shelby, Miss.



Tech. Sgt. Mike Kenney (left), 116th Logistics Readiness Squadron noncommissioned officer in charge, helps Master Sgt. Maldvina Anderson, 116th MDG, process for deployment. The LRS provided all the necessities that the Airmen would need while deployed to Mississippi and New Orleans.



Above: Before departing Robins, the 116th ACW provided all the deploying Airmen with supplies to help carry them through the initial days of deployment. The 116th ACW took several cases of MREs and water to help sustain the Airmen during the deployment.

Left: Tech. Sgt. Mary Long, 116th Mission Support Flight personnel specialist, lifts her mobility bag to Airmen Jose Melendez, 116th Maintenance Squadron.

"When we arrive, we will report to the folks there and our assets will be apportioned out as necessary to support the troops in the field of south Mississippi," he said.

Camp Shelby is an Army National Guard Divisional Training Facility south of Hattiesburg, Miss., which will serve as their staging area.

Tech. Sgt. Brad Barreth, a fuels technician, said his primary mission

will be refueling equipment, but the big picture is much more.

"I'm excited about this and just ready to get on the road and get there as soon as possible so we can start helping people out," he said Saturday morning. "The bottom line is saving lives because people are dying every day."

Staff Sgt. Michelle Laurine, traffic management specialist, said she sees it

much the same way. "I hope we're able to give some peace, return things to normal as much as we can and let them know that the nation cares," she said.

The deploying troops met up with 200 members of the 165th Airlift Wing out of Savannah and the 202nd Engineering Installation Squadron out of Macon before convoying to their destination.

TODAY

The Family Support Center is hosting a Deployed Spouse Game Night from 6:30 p.m. – 10 p.m. on the second floor of the Smith Community Center. The evening will include a variety of family-friendly games and dinner provided by the Pizza Depot. For more information, contact the FSC at 926-3453.

Bring your lawn chairs, blankets and picnic baskets to Movies in the Park at Robins Park for a family-feature presentation of “Hook.” The movie will start at dark, about 8:15 p.m. This is a 3C event. For more information, call the Smith Community Center at 926-2105.

All-you-can-eat catfish and the fixings are served from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Officers' Club. For more information, call 926-2670.

Enjoy Thunder Alley bowling every Friday and Saturday from 9 - 11 p.m. at the Robins Lanes Bowling Center. Friday is family night. Children 12 years old and younger bowl for \$5; over 12 years old, \$10. On Saturdays everyone bowls for \$10 per person. This includes all the games you can bowl in two hours and shoes. For more information call 926-2112.

Get back in top form for the new bowling season by bowling Monday – Friday from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Cost is \$3 for three games. For more information call 926-2112.

The Joint Forces Bingo, located in the east wing of the Enlisted Club, has new surprises and door prizes. The hours are Tuesday through Friday with games starting at 7:15 p.m. Games begin at 2:45 p.m. on Sundays. Enjoy bar bingo five nights a week at 6 p.m. Anyone with an active duty, reserve, guard, retired, Department of Defense or family member identification card is eligible to play. The entry fee is free to all Robins' club members, bona fide guests and active duty or retired widow club members, and \$5 for eligible non-club members. For more information call 926-4515 or Teresa Resta at 926-1303.

SATURDAY

Come out and enjoy an active duty and military retiree special of 18 holes of golf on Saturdays in September. Cost is \$18 and includes 18 holes of golf, car and green fee after 11 a.m. For more information call Pine Oaks Golf Course at 926-4103.

The Al-Sihah Shriners circus will be held Sept. 10 and 11 at the Macon Coliseum. Advanced tickets sales are available at ITT; \$10 adults and \$5 children (4 - 12 years). Show times are Sept. 10 at 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. and Sept. 11 at 1:30 and 5 p.m. For more information, call 926-2945.

Scrapbookers will get together in the ballroom at the Smith Community Center from noon – 6 p.m. The ballroom provides ample room to spread out supplies, share ideas and trade stories with fellow scrapbookers. For more information call 926-2105.

Registration for fall youth bowling leagues will be held Saturday from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. or Sept. 17 from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. with league play beginning Sept. 24. For more information call the bowling center at 926-2112.

SUNDAY

The Officers' Club brunch is from 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. with all-you-care-to-enjoy breakfast and dinner entrees. Cost is \$9.95 for members and \$11.95 for nonmembers. For more information, call 926-2670.

MONDAY

Drama club open auditions for “One Story” by Bryan Paul will be held from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the Smith Community Center. The club is open to the entire Robins community to include all active duty, reserve and retired military, DoD civilians and family members 12 years old and older. Participants 12 – 18 years old need to be accompanied by a parent. Auditions are free of charge and drama club membership is not a requirement. For more information, call the community center, 926-2105.

Line dance lessons are held every Monday from 6 - 8 p.m. in the Smith Community Center ballroom. Cost is \$30 per person, and class size is limited to 40 students. Must be 16 years and older to participate. For more information, call 926-2105.

The Concert Band of the Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve will perform with students from Houston County's four high schools in its first Wingman Concert at the Museum of

Services spotlight



U.S. Air Force file photo by SUE SAPP

Martha “Mama” Newton invites everyone to come to Pizza Depot for pizza, burgers, salads and subs made with their fresh baked bread. Pizza Depot is located in Building 767 at the corner of Ninth and Macon streets inside the Smith Community Center. It's open Sunday through Saturday, 11 a.m. - 9 p.m., with delivery available from 5:30 to 8:45 p.m. For delivery, call 926-0188 or 926-0189.

Aviation's amphitheatre, at 7 p.m. Concert goers are encouraged to come early and bring a picnic, lawn chairs and blankets. In case of inclement weather, the concerts will be held in the Century of Flight Hangar.

Join the Grandparents Day celebration at the bowling center Monday. Family members pay regular price and grandparents bowl for free. For more information call the bowling center at 926-2112.

TUESDAY

A \$1,000 giveaway challenge club drive kick-off party will be held Sept. 13 from 3:30 – 6:30 p.m. at Robins Park for officers' and enlisted club members. Current and new club members will enjoy live entertainment by the band Conquest and WEBL The Bull 102.5. Prize drawings for a mountain bike, passes to Universal Orlando, beach towels, free rounds of golf at Houston Lake Country Club and more will be held throughout the event. A free steak sandwich dinner will be available for club members and one guest. The cost for dinner is \$6 for additional guests and \$10 for nonmembers. The squadron that signs up the most new members that day will receive a \$500 credit towards a party. Wings must sign up a minimum of 25 new members that day to be eligible. The Air Force Reserve Command, 5th Combat Communications Group, 19th Air Refueling Group and 116th Air Control Wing will be considered as wings for this competition. No Federal endorsement of sponsors intended. For more information call the enlisted club at 926-4515 or the Officers' Club at 926-2670.

Come out and learn the latest in line dancing starting Sept. 6. Class will meet each Tuesday from 6 – 8 p.m. in the Smith Community Center. This is a four week class and cost is \$40 per person. Must be 16 years old and older to register. For more information call the Smith Community Center at 926-2105.

Karaoke is held at the Enlisted Club every Tuesday from 8 p.m. - midnight with Bobbie. For more information, call 926-4515.

WEDNESDAY

A quarterly pool tournament will be held Sept. 14 at 5 p.m. on the second floor of the Smith Community Center. This event is limited to 16 players. Register by Sept. 12. This is a 3C event. For more information call 926-2105.

Join the fun at Boss N' Buddy night Sept. 14. Doors will open at 4 p.m. and trivia games will begin at 5 p.m. at the Wellston. This event includes prizes and appetizers. For more information call the Officers' Club at 926-2670.

Enjoy a couple's night out while playing a 9-hole scramble at the Pine Oaks Golf Course Sept. 14 and 28 at 5 p.m. Cost is \$25 per annual green fee couple or \$35 per non-annual green fee couple and includes green fee, golf car, food and prizes. For more information call the golf course at 926-4103.

Dance lessons are given every Wednesday from 6 - 8 p.m. at the Officers'

Club. For more information, call 926-2670.

THURSDAY

Come out to the greatest after work party and ladies night out every Thursday from 6 - 9 p.m. at the Enlisted Club. Cost is \$2 for members and \$5 for nonmembers. For more information call 926-4515.

UPCOMING

An adult kick ball game will be held Sept. 17 starting at 11 a.m. on softball fields 1 and 2. Teams will consist of nine players. For more information contact the fitness center at 926-2128.

A junior club championship is scheduled for Sept. 17 starting at 1:30 p.m. at Pine Oaks Golf Course. Cost is \$10 per person. For more information or to register call 926-4103.

Time to celebrate the Air Force's birthday Sept. 18. All active duty may bowl three games for only \$3 all day just by showing their military ID card. For more information call the bowling center at 926-2112.

Everyone is invited to come out and roll the dice for great fun and prizes during Bunco at the Smith Community Center Sept. 19 at 6 p.m. Participants must be 16 years old or older to play. For more information call civilian recreation at 926-1303.

The Arts and Crafts Center will be accepting entries from youth and adults for the artist's craftsman and photo contest base-level Sept. 19 and 20. Judging will take place on Sept. 21. Winners will be announced and certificates presented on Sept. 23 at 4 p.m. Open to all military, DoD and immediate family members. For more information, call 926-5282.

A family bike hike “Poker Run” best hand wins is slated for Sept. 24 at 10 a.m. For more information call the fitness center at 926-2128.

Get your boots and hats and mosey on down to the Robins Officers' Club for Country & Western fun Sept. 24 starting at 6 p.m. Western dinner special includes sweet jalapeno glazed roasted half chicken, chuckwagon corn, garlic red skin mashed potatoes, smoked bell pepper cornbread, salad bar, peach cobbler and beverage. Cost is \$12.95 for members; \$13.95 for nonmembers. Best-dressed cowboy and cowgirl and yodeling contests will be held. A country and western band will be entertaining from 7 – 11 p.m. For more information call 926-2670.

A beginning belly dancing class is scheduled for Sept. 23 – Oct. 28. This class will meet on Fridays from 6 – 8 p.m. in the ballroom of the community center. Register by Sept. 21 as class space is limited. For more information call the Smith Community Center at 926-2105.

Robins Hispanic Heritage Committee presents the Hispanic Spectacular Show Sept. 24 at the Museum of Aviation amphitheater from 7 – 10 p.m. Gates open at 6 p.m. Enjoy a night of cultural music and live performances. Bring your lawn chairs, snacks and beverages. For more information, visit <http://members.cox.net/rafb-hho-2005/>.

Family Night Bingo will be held at the Smith Community Center Sept. 26. Doors open at 5 p.m. and games start at 6 p.m. Cost is \$3 per package (limit three packages per person). Every child leaves with a door prize. This is a 3C event. For more information call civilian recreation at 926-1303.

World-wide talent auditions, the essential first step to become a Tops In Blue performer, will be conducted Sept. 28 at the Smith Community Center. Taped auditions will begin at 5 p.m. and are open to all active duty Air Force members. Sign up by Sept. 26 by visiting or calling the community center at 926-2105.

A member guest day is slated for Pine Oaks Golf Course in September. Guests of annual green fee members pay green fees and receive free golf car. Member may invite up to three guests. For more information call 926-4103.

The ITT office has tickets for the Oct. 1-2 Food World 300 and UAW-Ford 500 at the Talladega Super Speedway in Alabama. Tickets located in the Talladega section are \$110. Tickets are also available for the Oct. 29-30 Easy Care Vehicle Service Contracts 200 and Bass Pro Shops MBNA 500 at the Atlanta Motor Speedway. Tickets are \$50. For more information call 926-2945.

Georgia National Fair admission tickets for \$5.50 and ride sheets for \$10 are available at ITT. The fair is Oct. 7 – 16. For more information call ITT at 926-2945.

A fall classic will be held Oct. 6 – 8 at Pine Oaks Golf Course. Classic includes a 54-hole team event and individual event. Cost is \$100 per player and includes three days of golf with golf car, ice breaker, dinner, awards and prizes. Limited to the first 100 active duty and retired active duty players. There will be an additional 80 spots for all other eligible players. All players are automatically entered into the individual competition. Both events will run concurrently and will be conducted in accordance with USGA and local rules. To learn more call the golf course at 926-4103.

ONGOING

The overflow locker room is now available. Hours are Monday – Friday from 5 a.m. – 7 p.m. This is for men only with no towel service (bring your own) and lockers are available for daily use only. Restrooms are available at the HAWC during 7 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. For more information call the fitness center at 926-2128.

A Pine Oaks Golf Course open house is open to all members of Middle Georgia Golf Courses Monday through Friday. Cost is \$18 and participant must show valid membership card. For more information call 926-4103.

Air Force Materiel Command Texas Hold 'Em tournaments continue at the Robins Enlisted Club Sept. 10, 17 and 24 with sign up at 12:30 p.m. Games start at 1 p.m. This is free to club members and is \$15 for nonmembers. For more information call 926-4515.

To have an item listed, send it to Amanda Smith at amanda.smith@robins.af.mil by 4 p.m. Monday prior to the Friday of intended publication.

NOW PLAYING



Adult tickets are \$3.50; children 11 years old and younger tickets are \$2. Movies start at 7:30 p.m., unless noted. For more information, call the Base Theater at 926-2919.



TODAY

Deuce Bigalow: European Gigolo
Rob Schneider, Eddie Griffin

Deuce Bigalow is seduced back to his unlikely pleasure-for-pay profession, when his former pimp T.J. Hicks is implicated in the murders of Europe's greatest gigolos. Deuce must go back to work in order to clear his good friend's name. Along the way he must compete against the powerful European Union of prostitutes and court another bevy of abnormal female clients including the beautiful Eva, who suffers from acute obsessive-compulsive disorder. R (pervasive strong crude and sexual humor, language, nudity and drug content) 83 minutes (No one under 17 admitted without an accompanied parent or guardian)

SATURDAY

Must Love Dogs
Diane Lane, John Cusack

Sarah, a divorced preschool teacher who has sworn off dating after her bad breakup, finds her family pushing her back into the dating world. Her sister places a personal ad for her, declaring that anyone answering it “must love dogs,” despite the fact that Sarah doesn't own a dog herself. When someone intriguing responds to the ad, she decides to borrow Mother Theresa, her brother's dog, and plunge in. PG-13 (sexual content) 98 minutes

UPCOMING

The Dukes of Hazzard
Seann William Scott, Jessica Simpson

CHAPEL SERVICES

Catholic
Catholic masses are held at the chapel each Saturday at 5:30 p.m., Sunday at 9:30 a.m., on Holy Days of Obligation at noon and at a 5 p.m. vigil the day before, and Monday through Friday at noon. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is Saturday from 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.

Islamic
Islamic Friday Prayer (Jumuah) is Fridays at 2 p.m. in the chapel annex rooms 1 and 2.

Jewish
Jewish service is Fridays at 6:15 p.m. at the Macon synagogue.

Orthodox Christian
St. Innocent Orthodox Church service is at the chapel on the second Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m.

Protestant
General services take place Sundays at 11 a.m. The service includes some traditional and contemporary worship styles in music and format. Protestant inspirational services take place Sundays at 8 a.m. Contemporary services take place 11 a.m. Sundays at the Base Theater. This service is informal and includes traditional and contemporary styles of music and worship.

The chapel helps with spiritual needs that arise. For further information, call the chapel at 926-2821.

DONATE YOUR LEAVE

Employee-relations specialists at 926-5307 or 926-5802 have information and instructions concerning requests to receive or donate annual leave. To have an approved leave recipient printed in the Robins Rev-Up, wings should send information to Amanda Smith at: amanda.smith@robins.af.mil Submissions run for two weeks. The following person has been approved as a leave recipient.

Alex J. Tripp, 542 MSUG/GBMUBB. Point of contact is Jean Edge at 327-9127.

► IN BRIEF

116TH ACW TELEPHONE NUMBERS CHANGE SEPT. 23

On Sept. 23, the 116th Air Control Wing's Telephone System will be upgraded. As a result of this upgrade, all Wing telephone numbers with a 327 prefix will change to the following schema:

Commercial: (478) 201-1XXX, 2XXX, 3XXX, 4XXX, 5XXX.

DSN: (241) 241-1XXX, 2XXX, 3XXX, 4XXX, 5XXX.

The Wing will publish a telephone number directory prior to cutover to assist in locating new telephone numbers.

Also, in order to comply with Air Force Instruction the Dialing Plan will change in the following ways:

- 7 digit dialing (instead of 5)
- To access DSN dial 94 (instead of 88)
- To access Commercial dial 99 (instead of 9)
- To access Long Distance dial 98 (instead of 9)

Tech Sgt. Martin Chrisman is the point of contact, and can be reached at 7-6038, or 201-4322 post cutover.

HOUSING OFFICE CLOSED

The Housing Office will be closed Sept. 16 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Persons with housing maintenance issues are asked to call ACC Maintenance at 923-8033.

GOLFERS SOUGHT FOR TOURNAMENT

The Robins annual Hispanic Heritage Golf Tournament will be held Sept. 16 at Pine Oaks Golf Course. Individual price is \$40 (paid by Sunday). Golf cart, lunch and refreshments are included in all golfing packages. Mulligans are two for \$5. Check in, warm up and lunch will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Awards and door prizes will be announced at 5:30 p.m. USGA dress code and soft spikes are required. For more details or to register, call 926-1217, or visit www.members.cox.net/rafb-hho-2005. For prize details, visit www.pinshot.com/golf-prizes.htm.

SINGLE AIRMEN SOUGHT FOR FOCUS GROUP

Single Airmen who participate in focus group meetings scheduled for Sept. 26 and 27 will earn 3-C pogs for their squadrons and enter for a chance to win a digital camera.

More than 100 volunteers are needed to participate in the 'Wow! What a Great Idea! Single Airmen Focus Groups 2005'.

Robins was one of a select few bases chosen by the Air Force Services Agency to conduct this event to help determine future Services programs for sin-

gle Airmen. The focus groups are open to all single, active duty members interested in providing input on their interests and recommended activities and programs.

Register for one of the following time slots: Sept. 26 in the NASCAR Room of the Wynn Dining Facility from 6:30 – 8 p.m. with complimentary food and beverages; Sept. 27 in the Smith Community Center ballroom from 9 – 10:30 a.m. with complimentary continental breakfast, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. with complimentary pizza and 3 – 4:30 p.m. with complimentary wings and things. To register, call or visit the Smith Community Center at 926-2105 by Sept. 20 or email lynne.brackett@robins.af.mil.

A 'Wow! What a Great Idea!' Single Airmen survey is available for individuals who want to provide input but are unable to attend a focus group. Surveys may be picked up at the Community Center, Wynn Dining facility, and the Fitness Center. Surveys will also be randomly delivered to Airmen through BITC.

Single Airmen, who complete the surveys and return them to the community center by Sept. 26, will receive a 3-C pog to help earn points towards the quarterly 3-C traveling trophy for their squadron. Limit one survey per single Airman. For more information concerning the focus groups or surveys, call Mrs. Lynne Brackett, Community Center director, at 926-2105 or email lynne.brackett@robins.af.mil.

REACH MENTORS SOUGHT

Volunteers who are interested in changing their lives by helping others are sought for the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center REACH program. The Center manages the Raising Educational Achievement for Children of Houston County (REACH) program, and is in need of volunteer mentors. Affiliated with Big Brothers/Big Sisters, REACH volunteers mentor their little brother or sister during school hours.

The mission of REACH is to help students improve school attendance, improve academic performance, reduce disciplinary problems and improve their self-concepts. Mentors are granted administrative leave, in conjunction with their lunch breaks, to spend one hour a week with their child tutoring them in one of their weak subjects.

Schools are in need of volunteers, and children are on waiting lists at most schools. To become a mentor or to obtain more information, contact Laura Lunday at 926-7988 or e-mail Lunday@robins.af.mil. Information can also be found at <http://pkec.robins.af.mil/Mentor/>

Mentor.htm, which is linked from the Robins AFB home page.

RESERVE BAND HOLDS FREE CONCERTS

The Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve and the Museum of Aviation will present a free concert series at the museum's amphitheatre, beginning Sept. 6 at 7 p.m.

Concert goers are encouraged to come early and bring a picnic, lawn chairs and blankets. The series continues weekly through September.

► The Concert Band will perform side-by-side with students from Houston County's four high schools in its first Wingman Concert Sept. 12.

► Blue Notes will play a blend of jazz and blues with a touch of Latin spice, blending traditional swing with today's rock, comedy, choreography, and audience participation Sept. 20.

► Reserve Generation will play contemporary adult hits, rhythm and blues, jazz, country, hits from the '60s, and selections from Billboard Magazine's Hot 100 including rock, rap and hip-hop Sept. 27.

In case of inclement weather, the concerts will be held in the Century of Flight Hangar.

MILITARY BALL RESERVATIONS ACCEPTED

Reservations are being accepted for the 21st Middle Georgia Military Ball Oct. 22, at 6:30 p.m., at the Museum of Aviation Century of Flight Hangar.

Entertainment will be provided by Full Spectrum, the jazz ensemble of the Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve; the U.S. Air Force Honor Guard Drill Team; and the Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps.

The theme for this year's ball will be the 50th Anniversary of the U.S. Air Force's First Flight of the C-130.

Anyone interested in attending should call their organizational monitors. The following are taking reservations:

- WR-ALC Command Section & Staff Offices – Shelley Ward, 222-0769
- WR-ALC/EN – Capt. David Drummond, 926-0540
- WR-ALC/MU – Linda DeRosa, 926-6870
- WR-ALC/PK – Stephanie Gisseman, 926-5236
- WR-ALC/QL – Betina Harris, 926-8739
- HQ AFRC – Master Sgt. Sonia McPhee, 327-1114
- 5 CCG – 2nd Lt. Russell Hammer or 2nd Lt. Mark Duncan, 327-8703
- 19 ARG - Master Sgt. Rodney McPhail, 926-4589
- 78 ABW – Diane Gross, 926-6203, or Kathy Fairfield, 926-4905

- 99 ARS – Capt. Daniel Whatley, 327-6784
- 116 ACW – 1st Lt. Vanessa Siffrin, 327-4470
- 330 ASW – Jeane Paris, 926-6459
- 402 MXW – Thelma Phillips, 222-3530
- 413 FTG – Senior Master Sgt. O'Brian Webster, 222-2877
- 542 CSW – 2nd Lt. Nicole Rogers, 926-9765, or 2nd Lt. Jeff Seguin, 926-7280
- 622 MSS – Tech. Sgt. Nancy Brown, 926-5801
- 653 CLSS – Master Sgt. Olin Wilson, 926-5046

For more information, contact project officer, Kay Hattaway at 222-3538 or by e-mail at kay.hattaway@robins.af.mil, or Kelley Latham at 222-3533 or by e-mail at kelley.latham@robins.af.mil. Proceeds benefit the museum.

PRIVATE PILOT GROUND SCHOOL OFFERED

Private pilot ground school registration is being held now through Sept. 12 from 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. School starts Sept. 12 at 5:30 p.m. One hundred percent

tuition is available for active duty military. Cost is \$575 and is due at the time of registration. Ground school is a 45 – 50-hour course, lasting about 10 weeks and scheduled on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Register soon as classroom seating is limited. For more information, call the Aero Club at 926-4867.

TALENT SHOW SEEKS PERFORMERS

The Family & Teen Talent Show will be held Oct. 8 at 7 p.m. on stage in the Smith Community Center ballroom. A required performers meeting will be held Oct. 4 from 4 – 6 p.m. and rehearsals will be held Oct. 5 – 7 beginning at 5 p.m. Performer categories include: Parent and youth team, one parent and one youth; husband and wife team, one eligible member and one spouse (both may be active duty); children: ages 3 to 5, solo or group; ages 6 to 8, solo or group; preteens: ages 9 to 12, solo or group; teens: ages 13 to 15, solo vocal, solo instrumental, solo performance specialty or group; 16 to 18, solo vocal,

solo instrumental, solo performance specialty or group.

The minimum number of performers in a family group is three. A parent and child combo may include family members outside their immediate family. Any size group is authorized with the age of the oldest child determining the category. For more information about the show and the required activities leading up to the event, please call the community center at 926-2105.

MAF GOLF TOURNEY SET

Golfers are invited to play in the 16th annual Museum of Aviation Foundation Georgia Invitational Golf Tournament, Sept. 22-23, at the Pine Oaks Golf Club at Robins Air Force Base. The two-day tournament benefits the Museum of Aviation, and is made up of three separate rounds on Thursday and Friday, with prizes for each round. Tee times are noon Thursday and 8 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Friday. To sign up, call the Museum of Aviation, 923-6600, or email june.lowe@museumofaviation.org or marylynn.harrison@museumofaviation.org.

Ribbon cutting



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78th Civil Engineer Group Commander Col. Lemoyne Blackshear welcomes those in attendance at Wednesday's ribbon cutting ceremony for Robins new main gate. Seated behind her and assisting in the ribbon cutting are: 78th Air Base Wing Commander Col. Greg Patterson; Georgia Department Of Transportation District 3 Engineer Thomas Howell; Warner Robins Mayor Donald Walker; Warner Robins Air Logistics Center Commander Maj. Gen. Mike Collings; and U.S. Corps of Engineers Area Engineer Ric Powers.

The \$4.9 million main gate complex, which creates a safer intersection for motorists, also provides expanded anti-terrorism measures - spike strips and metal crash gates capable of stopping a 5,000-pound vehicle going 65 mph. The gate and relocated 78th Security Forces facilities officially opened for business Aug. 20.